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ROBBERY CASES ARE CLEARED UP

Only Two Lads Said To Be Concerned In Breaking and Entering.

THEY HAVE BEEN ARRESTED

Robbery Charge To Be Reduced On Third—Another Faces Probate Judge.

Alma's numerous small robbery mysteries have been cleared up with the arrest of three local lads, Wayne Leonard, Verl Olmstead and Leland Shinabarker on charges of robbery, and the confession of the first two lads the first of this week to the authorities here that Russell Johnson, whom they had earlier implicated in breaking and entering, had not been guilty of the cases that they had attempted to implicate him in, these being during the night of December 26.

When the two lads, Leonard and Olmstead, were first grilled by officers last week they did not bring Johnson into the affairs with them, and then began to couple the name of the fifteen year old Johnson boy with cases of breaking and entering. In telling of the dozen different cases of small robberies, the lads seemed to be telling the truth, but D. L. Johnson, father of Russell Johnson, insisted that his son was home on one night during which the lads claimed Johnson was with them in three robberies. Grillings by the officers failed to shake the stories told by the lads, and these grillings came almost constantly.

Oscar Vibber, chief of police, never fully reconciled himself to the stories that were told by the lads in view of D. L. Johnson's insistence that his boy was home and especially after a high school girl stated Monday that she was at the Johnson home on the night of December 26, and that Russell was there at 10:30 when she left or about the time that the other two lads had said that he was with them, entering three different places.

Monday night Mr. Olmstead, father of Verl, who had done everything possible to assist the officers, as had Leonard's father, took the lads again to Vibber, and after another long grilling the lads admitted that young Johnson had not been with them. Tuesday morning Wayne Leonard made the same admissions, and the big point at issue in the entire investigation after the initial confessions had been cleared up.

It is admitted that Russell Johnson has done some small pilfering, and being only 15 years of age, he will undoubtedly be taken before Probate Judge James G. Kress in the juvenile court.

The other lads, who were arrested the latter part of last week were arraigned and bound over to circuit court for trial under bonds, of \$500.00, which were furnished. It is understood that the charge against the Shinabarker lad will be reduced to petty larceny, because of the fact that the lad was not engaged in breaking and entering, and that evidently his misdeeds consisted in pilfering a small sum of money from a lodge room.

Numerous people here, in view of the admissions made by the Leonard and Olmstead lads, and the desire shown by their fathers to aid the authorities in any way possible, seemed to think that Mr. Johnson was endeavoring to shield his son, but the admissions of the two older boys the first of the week clearly indicated that Johnson was thoroughly justified in defending his son, Russell, from charges of breaking and entering on the night in question, when Johnson said that the boy was home. Johnson admits that his son has been doing some pilfering and at no time has attempted to shield him from such claims.

The case also caused a misunderstanding between the parents of Leonard, and Olmstead, and Johnson, which brought some reports that reflected against the father of Russell Johnson, but which the final acknowledgments of the lads, that Russell was not guilty of breaking and entering, cleared up entirely.

Johnson insisted that his son was telling the truth in this respect, but through a misunderstanding of some kind that came in a discussion between the parents of these three lads, Olmstead and Leonard gained the impression that Johnson wanted them to aid in shielding his son. The evidence of the high school girl given Monday, and the final confessions of the Olmstead and Leonard boys shows clearly that Johnson had nothing to cover up in this respect.

The entire case has been an unfortunate one, in the view of practically all Alma people and deep are the impressions of sympathy that have been given to the parents of the lads, all of whom are well known Alma people.

On Friday evening of last week Roland Marsh of this city, was united in marriage to Miss Aleta Dunn, a well known Mt. Pleasant girl. The ceremony took place at the Presbyterian Manse in Ithaca, and was performed by the Rev. William Roberts of that place.

Fresh salted peanuts, 19c per pound. DeLuxe Candy Co.—adv.

OLIVET-FLINT

Big Games To Be Played Here This Week Saturday.

A big double bill will be the basket ball offering on the high school floor Saturday evening, Alma Collegians mixing with her old rival, Olivet College, and the High School five battling against Central's best.

The Saturday game will bring the first appearance of an Olivet team on an Alma floor in some years, and the re-appearance of Alma's old rivals is expected to cause the old time college spirit to burst into a flame that will warm the Presbyterian quintet to such an extent that defects will be an impossibility for the Maroon and Cream's inexperienced bunch of basket tossers.

The Crimson five recently defeated Junior College of Grand Rapids, which downed Alma's hopes last Friday night, but if the old time pep and fight is shown against Watson's crew here this week end, the Crimson is bound to go down to defeat. The old time Alma fight can do the trick the fans feel, and they are certain that it will be present, and that it will stimulate the Maroon and Cream warriors to the height that is needed to bring the Crimson down to defeat.

The High School cagers will meet the strong Flint Central tossers who have not yet met defeat and a fast preliminary to the college game is being expected.

Flint Central has a fine team which has been setting a fast pace so far this season and Mullin's men will be forced to put up a brilliant exhibition to stop the Vehicle City quintet. The Flint team is believed to be one of the strongest court outfits to oppose the locals in recent years.

Mullin's five has been showing considerable improvement during the week and is expected to put up a much stronger game than was the case last week against Greenville High. The game should be a good one from start to finish.

ALMA BANKS HOLD ANNUAL ELECTIONS

Directors Are Elected For Coming Year At Meeting Held By Stockholders.

Both Alma banks held their annual meetings Tuesday evening, neither of the meetings of the stockholders bringing about any change in the directorate of the institutions.

The report given by Karl R. Adams, cashier of the Alma State Savings Bank at the annual meeting of the stockholders of that institution, shows that the bank has enjoyed a good steady growth during the past year, and was very pleasing to the stockholders.

The stockholders re-elected the directors as follows: Wm. A. Bahkke, George C. Parson, D. L. Sharrar, Jotham Allen, Karl R. Adams, Mary C. Bahkke and James E. Mitchell.

Following the meeting of the stockholders, the directors held a session and elected the officers for the coming year. The old officers who guided the destinies of the bank last year, were re-elected as follows: President, William A. Bahkke; vice president, Jotham Allen; cashier, Karl R. Adams; first assistant cashier, H. M. Glass; second assistant cashier, Roscoe Ely; auditor, Flora Wise.

The rapid, healthy growth of the First State Bank was of course the feature of the report of the year's activities of this institution, given in the report of "Carl H. Washburn, cashier.

The stockholders of the First State Bank elected the following directors: Lester A. Sharp, Francis King, J. M. Montigel, Charles O. Ward, Charles G. Rhodes, E. C. Crandell and Carl H. Washburn.

The directors are to meet later to elect officers for the coming year, and there is no question but what the officers who served the bank so ably last year will be re-elected for the coming year.

HOLD ELECTION

\$1,000 Club Elects Directorate at Annual Meeting Tuesday.

At the annual meeting of the \$1,000 Club held in the offices of D. L. Johnson Tuesday evening, the directors for the coming year were elected, and this was followed by a meeting of the directors, at which the officers were chosen.

The officers for the coming year are: R. B. Soule, C. O. Ward, D. L. Johnson, A. P. Cook, A. G. Moore, F. H. Glass, Art Davine, L. N. Baker, Glen Crisp, F. E. Pollasky, C. G. Rhodes and Harry Gerber.

The directors elected officers as follows: President, Frank E. Pollasky; vice president, A. G. Moore; secretary, D. L. Johnson; treasurer, C. O. Ward.

MARRIED CHRISTMAS

A quiet wedding was held at the home of Mrs. Burkholder on Christmas Eve when her son, Glen, was united in marriage to Miss Pauline Holmes, by the Rev. J. Harwood. They left that night for Detroit, where they will make their future home.

Buy Butterfat each and every day. —\$2.4

IN SUPREME COURT TODAY

Case of City of Alma vs. A. R. Purcell Is Being Settled In Lansing.

THE OFFICIALS ARE CONFIDENT

Feel Certain That Higher Court Will Sustain Findings of Gratiot Circuit.

Alma's well case against A. R. Purcell, Jackson contractor, is having its innings today in the Michigan supreme court, being listed as case No. 127.

City officials are confident that the high court of the state will sustain the findings that were brought in the Gratiot County court when the case was tried before Judge E. J. Moinet several months ago, when the city secured a directed verdict against the Jackson contractor.

What action may be taken by the officials if the case should be reversed and sent back for retrial, or some other action is taken, is not known at the present time.

If the supreme court upholds the lower court in its findings, it is expected that a damage suit for \$25,000 against A. R. Purcell will be brought in circuit court very soon in connection with the pure well water system, which the city contracted for with Purcell, and which has never been completed by the contractor.

GREENVILLE WON

Alma Team Went To Pieces on Defense in Final Half.

After playing a wonderful guarding game in the first half the local high cagers let down Friday night, and Greenville high had things almost her own way in the final half winning easily 24 to 8.

The first half was a grueling session with both teams displaying some wonderful guarding. Neither team was able to penetrate the defense of the other with any degree of effectiveness, and at the end of the half the visitors were leading 6 to 3.

In the final half the defensive work of the Alma clan slipped and six times Fowler slipped through for field baskets. Rhoney found the netted circle twice, and this with the fouls that Fowler shot made it easy for the Greenvilleites. The defense of the visitors continued just as strong in the final half as in the first half, and Alma had little chance to count.

So close was the guarding that the shots at the basket were made hurriedly, and as a result were ineffective for the greater part.

Elias was the bright light for the local team, while Fowler and Rhoney starred for the visitors.

Lineup and summary:
Alma Greenville
Garner L. P. Rhoney
Anderson R. F. Fowler
Elias C. Bowman
Hopkins L. G. Huntley
L. Lyons R. G. Mote

Field baskets—Fowler 8, Rhoney 2, Elias, Garner, Anderson, Fouls—Elias 2 in 4, Fowler 4 in 7. Referee—Hoolihan.

H. E. REECE TENDERS HIS RESIGNATION

Head of Local Legion Post Too Busy With Chamber of Commerce Is View.

H. E. Reece, commander of the George W. Myers Post No. 132, American Legion, tendered his resignation to the members of the local post at the meeting of the organization held last Thursday evening at the Legion rooms in the city hall.

The resignation was not accepted, and the members of the post who were present at the meeting, refusing to take action on the matter on the grounds that not a sufficient number of members of the post were present.

The matter is expected to come up again at the next meeting of the Legion, but there is no indication as to what course will be taken by the post in regard to the matter. It is known that the members of the post are most anxious to have Reece continue as commander, if possible.

It is not certain, however, that Reece will agree to continue as the head of the post.

Reece was the commander of the local post last year, and this year was unanimously re-elected to the office.

Reece feels that probably, in view of his new connection as manager of the Alma Chamber of Commerce, he will not have the time to devote to the Legion work that the commander should accord to it.

It is regarded as possible by a number of the members of the post that Reece may be brought to see the matter in a different light and continue to act as the commander.

Fresh salted peanuts, 19c per pound. DeLuxe Candy Co.—adv.

NOT SUSPENDED

Neither Has Vibber Been Fired or Placed Under Arrest.

Dame Rumor, who frequently breaks loose and hands out a bunch of wild bunk, has been busy again, and during the past week if reports could be credited, Oscar Vibber, chief of the Alma police force, has been suspended, has been fired from the job, has been arrested, and has also been placed under bond to make sure that he will walk in an orderly manner in the future.

All of which is plain piffle. At no time has there been a thought of firing Vibber from the job, of suspending him, or having him arrested. At the present time, as near as can be ascertained, about the only charge on which Vibber might be arrested or suspended from the force would be his effort to do his duty to the best of his ability.

In starting such reports someone has very evidently laid themselves open before the law, if the name of this person was known. At best the reports are base slanders, and no one should give them the slightest heed, or attempt to pass them on.

REPUBLIC PLANT CLOSES SATURDAY

Some Departments Will Re-open Within Two Weeks, and All Within Thirty Days.

Announcement was made this afternoon that The Republic Motor Truck Company Inc., would close temporarily at the end of the present week. The announcement was made by a prominent official of the company.

In making the announcement it was stated that the various departments would re-open as rapidly as materials could be secured, of which the company is in need. It is expected that some of the departments will be re-opened within two weeks and that the entire plant will be running within thirty days.

The temporary closing down of the local plant follows closely upon that of hundreds of other automotive concerns, which have been forced to close for a short time.

DIED SUNDAY

Mrs. Burr Betts of This City Passed Away On Sunday.

Mrs. Burr Betts, a well known resident of Gratiot county died at her home here at an early hour Sunday morning at the age of 41 years.

Mrs. Betts had resided in Gratiot county all of her life. She was born in Hamilton township, but the greater part of her life was spent in Ithaca. Mr. and Mrs. Betts moved to Alma only a few months ago.

For some little time Mrs. Betts had been in poor health and recently underwent an operation. She had been returned to her home from the hospital, and it had been thought that she was on the road to recovery.

She is survived by her husband, one son, Carroll, her mother, Mrs. Welch of Ithaca, by two sisters and one brother.

The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon in the M. E. Church at Ithaca, the Rev. M. W. Duffey of this city, officiating.

ANNUAL MEETING

Merchants' Building Company Stockholders Met Tuesday.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Merchants' Building Company was held Tuesday evening, and the directors were elected for the coming year, one change being made in the directorate of the concern.

John S. Kneetzer was elected as the fifth director to succeed the late Henry H. Soule. The other directors re-elected, were Carl H. Washburn, Lester A. Sharp, Francis King and Charles G. Rhodes.

The report for the year gave evidence of a fine business having been enjoyed by the company.

Plans for the coming year were taken up, and indications were that the company would enjoy a fine year during 1921. Among the matters contemplated during the year will be the finishing up of the second floor of the Merchants' Building Company block on State street.

LEASES BUILDING

"Die" Harmon Has Secured The Old Ford Building.

"Die" Harmon, agent for Republic trucks in this vicinity, has leased the old Ford garage building on East Superior street, and will shortly open a service and sales station at that location.

It is the plan of Mr. Harmon to handle repair work for all makes of cars, as well as for the trucks for which he is the distributor. This work is expected to include curtain and top building.

Albert Knapp, an expert repair man, who has had seven years of experience in Saginaw garages, will have charge of the repair work at the Harmon service and sales station.

Douglas Fairbanks in "The Mark of Zorro"—Strand today.—adv.

Maroon and Cream play, Strand open.—adv.—14.

COUNT BALLOTS FRIDAY NIGHT

Chamber of Commerce Directors Now Being Voted Upon By Members.

TWELVE ARE TO BE CHOSEN

Will Be Called Together Monday At Which Time Officers Will Be Selected.

Before tomorrow night all ballots of the members of the Chamber of Commerce, for the election of the directors for the coming year, must be in the offices of the organization to be counted, as the polls will close at that time, and the counting of the ballots will be started immediately.

The election ballots which have been sent to all members of the Chamber of Commerce contain the names of 25 of Alma's well known residents, who qualified in the primary for election as directors. Because of a tie for the twenty-fourth place on the ballot, the extra name was added.

The six who secure the highest number of votes from the members of the organization will be declared elected as directors of the Chamber of Commerce for two years, and the six receiving the next highest number of votes will be declared elected as directors to serve for one year.

Although the ballots contain 25 names, the members of the organization are asked to vote for only twelve the number to be elected.

Immediately following the close of the polls Friday night the tellers will start counting the ballots.

Monday the newly elected directors of the Chamber of Commerce will be called together at the offices of the association, when the election of officers will be held and other preliminary matters taken care of.

SLASHING CONTINUES

Alma Stores Continuing Their Price Slashing Campaigns.

Alma stores are continuing their price slashing campaigns new sales being announced by the Martin Stores Corporation and the National Clothing stores. Cushing & Benedict and others announce special sales.

Practically all of Alma's clothing, drygood and furniture stores are now holding sales, with prices cut far below former marks, which has greatly stimulated buying in this city.

Local merchants are making every effort to get back to normal prices just as quickly as possible and are cutting their profits and taking their losses early.

JOINT MEETING

A joint meeting of the Women's Auxiliary and the American Legion will be held next Thursday evening at the Legion rooms in the city hall. Lunch will be served by the Auxiliary.

All members of the Legion are requested to be present as important matters are to come up, including the matter of deciding upon a permanent location for the club rooms, and the resignation of Commander Reece.

FUNERAL WILL BE HELD HERE FRIDAY

Body of Eber J. Grace, Soldier, Arrives In Alma From France For Burial.

The body of Eber J. Grace, a soldier killed in France, is expected to arrive in Alma today, and plans are now under way for the funeral which will be held tomorrow, which will take place on a military aspect with the George W. Myers Post No. 132, American Legion in charge, after the services to be held at the Christian church at 1:00 p. m.

Plans of the Legionaries have not yet been fully developed for the funeral, but it is probable that six of the former service men will act as pall bearers, and that a guard of honor will march to the cemetery with the body.

The body of Grace is the first of those of the men killed in France to be returned to Alma for burial.

Grace, before going into the service lived several miles north of this city, near Shepherd. The body will be buried beside that of his wife in Reverdale cemetery.

MEET FRIDAY

On Friday evening, January 21st, the Brotherhood of the Presbyterian church has arranged for a Civic program of interest to all citizens of Alma. The main feature of the program will be an address by Prof. W. D. Henderson of the University of Michigan. Prof. Henderson is one of the most popular speakers in the state. His theme will be the "Rediscovery of America." The meeting will be held at 8 p. m. in the Presbyterian auditorium and the public are cordially invited to attend.

Fresh salted peanuts, 19c per pound. DeLuxe Candy Co.—adv.

RIGHT WAY

Express Company Making A "Right Way Plan" Campaign.

Announcement was made today by R. P. McGarity in charge of the local express forces, of the inauguration of a nation wide movement in the express business to be known as the "Right Way Plan." The purpose of this effort will be to increase the efficiency of the express service.

Agent McGarity states that he had selected a number of his most experienced workers to act as a special Right Way Committee to carry on an ambitious educational program to instruct local employees regarding the proper methods for handling every phase of the express business. This committee composed of R. A. Kirby, chairman, and E. E. Cleck, made arrangements for a meeting of the local express forces on January 11 at 7:00 p. m., at which the Right Way principles of handling express matter were set forth by prominent express officials and agents from nearby cities.

This meeting was held simultaneously with others throughout the country and introduced the plan which has been adopted as a permanent educational policy of the express carrier. It is expected that all classes of express workers will be reached by this plan, including vehicle men, comprising express drivers, route men, platform employees, in terminals and railroad stations, express messengers, waybill clerks, scalemen, checkers and office workers generally.

The co-operation of express shippers in this city will be enlisted in the movement. Special emphasis will be laid on what is called the "Right Way" of starting express shipments, with an explanation of packing and marking regulations, and for sending shipments C. O. D., as well as other subjects calculated to be of interest to every express user.

COLLEGE LOSES

OPENING BATTLES

Muskegon Y. and Grand Rapids Junior Take Frays From Inexperienced Alma Team.

The heavy road trip that the Alma collegians took to Muskegon Y. five, collegians took to Muskegon and Grand Rapids Friday and Saturday brought disastrous results to the Maroon and Cream's inexperienced basket ball quintet, the wonderful Muskegon Y. five, which has won from the finest outfits that Michigan boasts, taking the Presbyterians down the line 41 to 13, and Junior College of Grand Rapids winning 19 to 14.

which has won from the finest outfit that Michigan boasts, taking the Presbyterians down the line 41 to 13, and Junior College of Grand Rapids winning 19 to 14. Steele's cagers were weakened before leaving Alma by the loss of Dick Waggoner, center, who was taken ill, and this results in a shift in the lineup that had not been expected, and which naturally proved serious to the inexperienced team, which did not have a veteran in its makeup.

The result at Muskegon was not surprising as it was not expected that an inexperienced aggregation would be able to humble the fast "Y" court team which has been together for years, and which is making a great record this season. This team had already defeated the Michigan Aggies, Kalamazoo and Hope colleges, and other fast and veteran bunches of cagers.

The game with Grand Rapids Junior did furnish a surprise for the Maroon and Cream followers who had expected a victory. The efforts put forth on Friday night, however, were such as to react on the five Saturday night and it was not able to stand the pace the entire route.

When the fray opened Junior started almost with the whistle, and led almost to the halfway mark, when Alma staged a rally and jumped into the lead. The defense stopped Small and Hill, Junior forwards, while Alma counted heavily on fouls and field baskets, holding the long end of a 12 to 8 count at the half way mark.

In the second half the Maroon and Cream team were down from its efforts in the first half and on the previous night, could not stand the pace. Only two points were annexed in the final half, while the Juniorites counted 11, winning 19 to 14.

Beattie was the big Alma star. The little forward played a remarkable game all the way. Kirker and Arbaugh also looked good. Small and Hill featured for the winners.

Small R. F. Kirker
Hill L. F. Beattie
Stegmeyer C. Cathart
Newby R. G. Arbaugh
Scott L. G. Dalgren

Goals from field—Small 4, Hill 3, Kirker, Beattie, Cathart, Arbaugh. Goals from fouls—Hill 5 out of 9, Beattie 6 out of 9. Substitutions—Scott for Cathart, Cathart for Scott. Referee—Truesdale, Union High. Time of halves—20 minutes.

INQUEST CALLED TO SIFT CASE

Authorities Seek To Fix Responsibility For Chas. Greenway's Death.

DIED IN HOSPITAL LAST FRIDAY

Injured In Scuffle When Ejected From Local Cafe Four Weeks Previous.

Charles Greenway, aged about 45 years, a city employee, who had been confined in a local hospital for almost four weeks, died early Friday morning from the effects of concussion.

Immediately after the death of Greenway, a coroner's jury was called to inquire into the cause of his demise and determine the responsibility for his death, if in the minds of the members of the jury such responsibility was found to exist, after the full facts concerning his injury, and alleged drinking had been laid before them.

The coroner's jury that was impaneled consisted of several well known Alma residents. The members of the jury are A. Wagoner, W. A. Borton, Albert Ray, C. E. Slusser, Otto Hawley and Earl Richards.

An autopsy was performed after the jury had been impaneled, and it was found that Greenway had suffered a bad fracture of the skull and that the front portion of the brain had evidently been badly injured from concussion which is believed to have caused his death.

Portions of the brain and stomach were taken and sent to Ann Arbor for examination, and the inquest then adjourned until this week Friday when it will reconvene.

Greenway was injured four weeks ago last Friday night at the Paris Cafe. Greenway, in company with a companion, both of whom were said to have been intoxicated, went to the Paris Cafe. It is said that they were asked to leave, and that they were conducted to the door by George Carras, one of the owners. Carras, in a scuffle that ensued, struck Greenway, who fell striking his head on the sidewalk.

Police looked up Greenway and his companion, and the following morning, when it was found that Greenway was injured, he was taken to a local hospital, where he remained until he died.

During the time that he was in the hospital, everything was done for him that could be done, not only by the local health officer, who called in various Alma physicians, but also by Carras who secured an expert to come here and examine Greenway.

DIED WEDNESDAY

Mother of Rev. Gelston Died Here Wednesday.

Early Wednesday morning Mrs. Margaret L. Gelston, mother of Rev. W. L. Gelston of this city, passed away.

Mrs. Gelston and her husband, Rev. J. M. Gelston, came to live with her son in October. She was at the time very feeble and was recently unable to overcome a cold which she contracted ten days ago.

Mrs. Gelston was born in Bridgeport, Conn., in 1845. She was married to Rev. J. M. Gelston in Pontiac, Mich., in 1876 where he was at the time pastor of the Presbyterian church. Few people have been more greatly beloved or more useful as a mother and consecrated wife of a busy pastor. After staying at Pontiac for thirteen years, the family went to Ann Arbor and remained there for twenty-one years. From Ann Arbor Mr. and Mrs. Gelston went to Valparaiso, Ind., where they have been the efficient and much beloved servants of the church and community for the eleven years prior to their coming to Alma. Of the family now living Rev. J. M. Gelston, her husband, Prof. and Mrs. H. M. Gelston of Indianapolis, and Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Gelston, and their son of this city, are the immediate relatives.

The funeral service will be held at the Presbyterian Manse on Friday afternoon at 3 p. m. and the burial will be in Ann Arbor on Saturday.

EXPECT THINGS TO HUM

Before the Robinson store close Saturday night H. C. Hart, who is conducting the price slashing sale there, is expecting some more of the large crowds that have been visiting the store daily since the event started, and is highly pleased at the prospect of a heavy business Friday and Saturday.

Mr. Robinson says that the sale has gone way beyond his expectations, and is highly elated at the results that Mr. Hart is securing for him. Almost every day during the sale the day's quota of sales has been passed, proving conclusively what advertising will do as a business getter.

Mr. Hart stated yesterday that another price cut was being made for the balance of the week. Mr. Hart claims that the sale here has established a new record for his company, in view of the size of the city.

Douglas Fairbanks in "The Mark of Zorro"—Strand today.—adv.